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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-19,21-26 and 28-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-19, 21-26, 28-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicants assert that Tahara fails to teach using spatial information related to the base information stream when encoding the enhanced information stream as now recited in independent claims 1, 11, 19, 26 and 30. Applicants' argument is acknowledged, however Tahara discloses the above as evidenced in the following new grounds of rejection.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,4-19, 21-26, 28-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1,4-19, 21-26, 28-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by anticipated by Tahara, US 5,412,428.

Re claim 1, Tahara discloses a method (fig. 19) comprising:

receiving a video information stream (i.e. receiving four Y's components)
including color information formatted according to a first color space sampling format
having a pre-determined number of bits (i.e. Cb5,Cb7 and Cr6,Cr8 color components,

which represent a 4:2:2 sampling format with inherently associated pre-determined number of bits, also fig. 9B shows a 4:2:2 sampling format);

splitting the color information into a base information stream formatted according to a second color space sampling format having less than the pre-determined number of bits (i.e. the downsampler 104 downsamples the 4:2:2 sampling format of the chrominance samples of fig. 9B to a lower resolution/lower pre-determined bits 4:2:0 sampling format chrominance samples of fig. 9C. The 4:2:0 chrominance samples contribute to the "base" information stream of 100) and into an enhanced information stream (i.e. data stream of 101),

wherein the enhanced information stream (data stream of 101) is selectively encoded (176, col. 23, line 23-35) using spatial information obtained from processing of the based information stream or using a previous reference obtained during processing of the enhanced information stream (col. 23, line 23-35, also col. 8, line 54-64 which discloses that the encoder encodes each input picture frame i.e. Y/C components as I picture i.e. spatially encoded or P/B picture i.e. temporally encoded. The select circuit 176 selects either the predictive error from the base data stream of 100 or the predictive error from a previous reference of 101. In data stream of 100, the first picture is intraframe or spatially encoded. Hence, the select circuit 176 would effectively select the intraframe encoded predictive error of 100 in that instant. Subsequent pictures will be temporally encoded as predictive pictures i.e. P/B pictures in both data streams of 100 and 101. The smaller of predictive error of 100 or 101 will be selected for encoding. Hence, this reads on the "either/or" condition of the claim language);

and providing an indicator with at least one of the base information stream and the enhanced information stream that indicates a capability for providing video information according to the first color space sampling format or the second color space sampling format (col. 23, line 50-60).

Re claim 4, the method of claim 1 further comprising encoding the base information stream into a base encoded bit stream, encoding the enhanced information stream into an enhanced encoded bit stream, and combining the base encoded bit stream and the enhanced encoded bit stream into an output bit stream. (col. 23, line 50-60, also fig. 19: 105).

Re claim 5, the method of claim 4, wherein the output bit stream comprises an interleaved stream of the enhanced encoded bit stream and the base encoded bit stream. (col. 23, line 50-60 i.e. multiplexed bit stream).

Re claim 6, the method of claim 4, wherein the output bit stream comprises a concatenated stream of the enhanced encoded bit stream and the base encoded bit stream. (See col. 19, lines 1-15, concatenated stream is exemplified).

Re claim 7, the method of claim 6, wherein the enhanced encoded bit stream follows the base encoded bit stream. (See figs. 9A-9C, col. 7, lines 25-31. The encoded bit stream is formatted to have a hierarchical order of resolutions from highest to lowest).

Re claim 8, the method of claim 4, wherein the output bit stream comprises a first file for the enhanced encoded bit stream and a second file for the base encoded bit

stream. (See col. 19, lines 1-11, the files are represented by the headers of respective data).

Re claim 9, the method of claim 1, wherein the color information includes chrominance blocks. (See figs. 9A-9C).

Re claim 10, the method of claim 1, wherein the first color space sampling format comprises a YUV422 format and the second color space sampling format comprises a YUV420 format. (See figs. 9B & 9C. Note: C_b is U and C_r is V).

Claims 11-18 have been analyzed and rejected w/r to claims 1, 4-10 above. In Tahara, the encoding method is microprocessor-based. Hence, having a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions are inherent and expected.

Claims 19, 21-25 have been analyzed and rejected w/r to claims 1, 4-10 above. In Tahara, the encoding system is illustrated in figure 19, inter alia, and serves to encode HDTV signals. HDTV signals inherently come from digital video camera.

Claims 26, 28-29 pertain to a decoder corresponding to the inverse operation of the encoder of claims 19-25. Tahara discloses the corresponding decoder in figure 20 (see col. 23, line 61 to col. 24, line 41).

Claims 30-34 have been analyzed and rejected w/r to claims 1, 4-10 and 11-18 above. In Tahara, the encoding system is illustrated in figure 19, inter alia, and it is programmable. It is expected and inherent that the input signal comes from a digital image sensor such as CCD.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tahara.

Tahara discloses the encoded video bit streams may be transmitted through broadcast radio wave, ISDN, or the like. A set-top box to serve as a device for decoding encoded bit streams is not specifically disclosed in Tahara. Official Notice is taken to note that a set-top box is notoriously well known and used in the art as a digital TV signal decoder, especially for broadcast radio wave digital TV signal. Therefore, it would have been obvious to incorporate a set-top box into Tahara as an alternative decoding device to decode broadcast digital TV signals.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-7332. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-2600. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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